



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9 Term 3 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The George Bass School Annual Athletics Carnival held on Friday of last week was a huge success. It was great to be able to see our students participating in and enjoying a range of competitive track and field style events. Congratulations to all of our students on their efforts and to our award winners on the day. Thank you to our parents who were able to attend the assembly in the afternoon to celebrate our student's achievements.

On Wednesday this week we made the commitment to upgrade the Support Button system in our school. The new system will allow us to provide more targeted and faster support to a range of classes in the case of an emergency. The \$6000 upgrade to this system will be rolled out into the classes that need this level of support throughout the last week of term.

I was really impressed with the level of excitement and involvement in our Super-hero and Villain Dress-up Day held on Wednesday of this week. Days like this really show what a great community we have when we are all so involved in an event. Thanks to those who supported with a gold coin donation and to those who supported our staff by sponsoring them on the day. It isn't too late to make a sponsorship of a staff member. If you would like to do this please send your donation to school via your child's communication book or see Helen in the office. We have raised so far \$378.

The Annual George Bass School Trivia Night will be held on Friday the 20th of October. We have a 90's theme this year, with questions based on this decade and prizes for people dressed in their best 90's clothing. Tickets for this event are being sold fast and we have less than half of our remaining spots available. If you would like to book a table, or make individual entries on the day please contact Toula or Helen at the school to make a booking.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing school holiday's starting this Friday. School holidays are a great opportunity to enjoy friends and family and recharge the batteries for a big term of learning and school events in Term 4. I hope that everyone makes sure that they take this opportunity to do this. School resumes for students and staff on Monday the 9th of October.

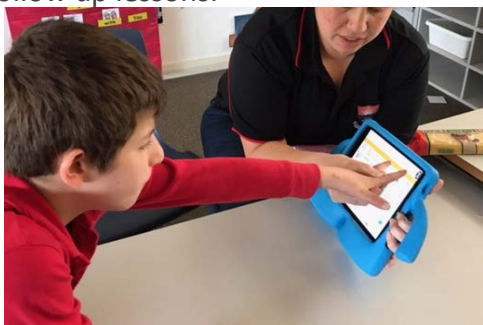


MESSAGE from DP

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUCCESS STORY

Last week I had the opportunity to spend some time in Burru class during a science lesson. I was able to see students working toward increasing their level of communication using a variety of communication programs, including Proloquo2go.

This works very strongly in line with our Strategic Directions for Communication and Technology. Students were able to be guided to use their communication to answer simple questions based on the activity and to make simple comments on what they were observing. Great job Burru! I look forward to being invited to the follow up lessons.



What's happening in the classroom?

The upper primary and senior teams this Semester have been working very hard on establishing social groups throughout the week. The aim of these groups is to provide students with the opportunities to practise communication and important social skills in a variety of social situations with the aim to be able to use these skills effectively and independently across different environments. The group that I visited was working together to play board games. There are a large number of skills that can be taught through games. These include turn taking, listening, patience, waiting, following simple instructions, counting, reading and even just being a good sport when losing. The level of maturity and appropriate game playing skills that I was able to witness during this session from our students was just amazing and it is so great to see how far some of our students have come since starting the program.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Thursdays 2.00pm | School Assembly – new time |
| Friday 22 September | Move-a-thon |
| Friday 22 September | Last day Term 3 |
| Monday 9 October | Students return for Term 4 |
| Friday 20 October | Trivia Night |
| Friday 15 December | Last day of Term 4 |

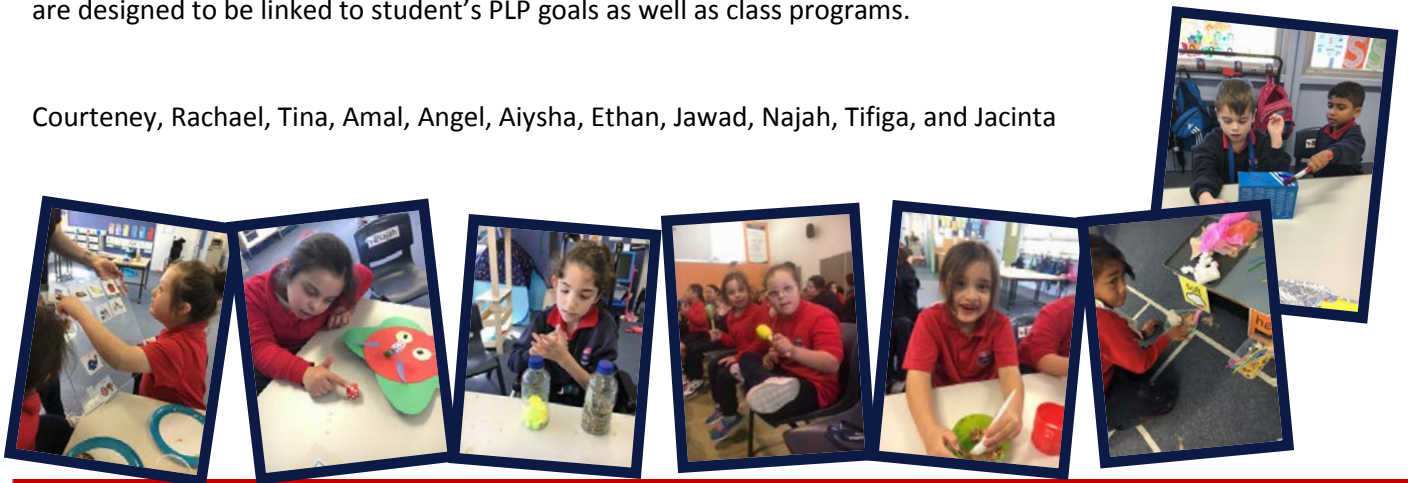
NGUNUN CLASS

This term Ngunun class has been learning about houses, looking specifically at the different rooms inside a house and what they can be used for. In science, we have enjoyed hands-on activities that have involved cooking and students were required to follow a number of procedural texts. We focused on identifying a variety of cooking utensils and equipment and used our senses to explore foods, labelling them with their attributes along the way. Students enjoyed working within teams to make an 'under the sea' diorama using soft and hard objects after looking closely at how food can change from hard to soft after it has been cooked like spaghetti and bread.

This term we have been reading 'Too Many Elephants in this House' by Ursula Dubosarsky. We have explored language features of the book through role play activities and through a variety of engaging sensory activities. In particular, we enjoyed having our families attend our class during Education Week to see how we use the dice to take turns and construct an interactive elephant. During Education Week we also participated within an exciting musical performance with 'Rhythm Village'. We used a variety of instruments to follow the beat, rhythm and patterns of sound.

This term we have worked towards independently completing morning literacy and numeracy tasks through the use of visual schedules. Daily tasks focus on developing fine motor control and independence when working within the classroom. Each activity is small, achievable and hands-on and task boxes are rotated on a weekly basis. Tasks are designed to be linked to student's PLP goals as well as class programs.

Courtney, Rachael, Tina, Amal, Angel, Aiysha, Ethan, Jawad, Najah, Tifiga, and Jacinta



Super Hero's & Athletics Day





WUGGAJIN CLASS

Wuggajin class has had a very busy term packed with many exciting programs. We have been doing many exciting science experiments from flying teabags to exploding bags to erupting volcanos.

For Accelerated Literacy (AL), we have been reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. Mr Fox is our favourite character. We admire him for his cleverness and commitment to the wellbeing of his family.

We have also been going to the AFFORD factory in Prestons for work experience. The students have been experiencing 'real work' in a community environment. This program is giving us the opportunity to be more independent, gain in confidence and develop our communication and interpersonal skills.

We have been trialing and preparing new meals during our 'Milk Bar' program and trained hard for the upcoming Athletics Carnival which was a lot of fun!

Abhi/ Milly & Vai

BANGU CLASS

Wow! Term 3 has come and gone so very quickly. Bangu class have been extremely busy over the term. Our science lessons are always popular and we have enjoyed learning about chemistry where we follow different experiments and observe the changes that occur. Some of our favourites have been sherbet and slime.

For Accelerated Literacy this term, we are had fun reading a book called Fantastic Mr Fox which is about a crafty fox who outwits the local farmers. We particularly liked how Mr Fox brings back lots of food and shares it with all the other animals.

For creative arts we have also been using different mediums that are connected with our Geography unit. We have made sculptures out of recycled materials, landscapes out of wool and pots out of clay.

We wish you all a safe ,healthy and happy break, and look forward to seeing you back at school in Term 4!

Mel, Jo, Evren and Alexia



JIRRABILITY CLASS

We have been so busy this term in Jirrability, it's hard to believe it's almost the end of the term. We welcomed Angela to Jirrability, she teaches us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. James also joined us in Jirrability this term and has settled well into his new class.

During literacy we have been reading 'Just another ordinary day'. We have been comparing the main character's daily routine with our own, discovering that most people have very similar routines each day. In numeracy we have been learning to tell the time and all about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been preparing and eating a variety of foods during cooking, including a selection of Mexican food and curry. Swimming has continued to be one of our favourite lessons each week.

We enjoyed celebrating Education Week earlier in the term and it was great to have some of our parents come visit and participate in some science and art activities. We had lots of fun making the film with Karuk, Kung-Gung and Burra classes, the film was shown at our special assembly. The visit from Josh from Rhythm Village was a musical highlight too! We are all looking forward to a rest over the holidays, coming back fresh for a very busy and exciting Term 4.

Until next time, Ardwan, Carys, Heba, James, Mithuran, Mujtaba, Shae, Angela and Sarah



P&C NEWS

- Looking forward to seeing lots of parents/carers joining the fun on **Friday the 22nd of September** for **Move-a-thon**.
- Our **Fathers' Day Stall** was held on August 31. A big thank you to everyone who donated gifts, helped out on the day and those that purchased gifts on the day. It was great to see so many of the students shopping for dad/grandad. Hope all our dads enjoyed a well deserved rest on **Fathers' Day**. After expenses we made a profit of \$233.
- The **Notice boards** donated by the P&C have been installed on the pool wall in the parent pick up area. Hope to keep the community up to date.
- If you have any questions/concerns or suggestions please feel free to email them to gbspcc@hotmail.com

BUDHAWA CLASS

Time flies when you're having fun! We have had a fantastic term in Budhawa class. Students have been busy making artworks from recycled materials including from lids of milk bottles, left over fabrics and grocery packaging as part of the unit on Out and About. Students also enjoyed the sensory aspect of the art making process. They practise turn taking and following teacher direction.

This term our Accelerated Literacy text was 'I went walking' by Sue William. Students have enjoyed looking at the book and following the story by sequencing events, identifying characters in the story and have a better understanding of the concepts of print by turning the pages and looking at the book. We have been learning about colours by identifying colours of animals in the story. Students have responded very well to the text and engaged in the activities.

We also enjoyed participating in science experiments each week. Students are highly engaged due to the sensory aspect of the experiments. Cooking is another favourite activity in Budhawa class. It's fun and messy!



BUNDELUK CLASS

What a fantastic term this has been for Bundeluk class! Students have made incredible progress within all areas of their schooling. Term 3 has provided many opportunities for students in Bundeluk to further develop their communication, social, math and reading skills.

Bundeluk have had fun strengthening their friendship with Kung Gung class as they join together on multiple occasions to participate in literacy, maths and cooking lessons. Students have continued to show great enthusiasm and dedication to Colours Café as they take orders, prepare food, serve customers and handle money on a weekly basis.

One of the highlights for Bundeluk class this term was performing at the school assembly. Students enjoyed dressing up as 'super humans' and playing instruments for the audience. It has been a busy term for Bundeluk class and that's just the way we like it.

